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SUBJ: BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITIONS: U.S. DUES FOR CY 1974

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1. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE ANNUAL PROBLEM OF OUR LATE BIE DUES WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF STATE/IO, AND HAVE A FULL EXPLANATION. THE BIE OPERATES ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS WHEREAS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OPERATES ON A FISCAL BASIS. ACCORDINGLY, THERE IS NEITHER AUTHORITY NOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR PAYMENT OF U.S. DUES TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS UNTIL JULY 1, THE BEGINNING OF OUR FISCAL YEAR AND THE MIDDLE OF THEIR CALENDAR YEAR. WE THEN NORMALLY PAY OUR BIE DUES AS FOLLOWS: 1/2 ON JULY 1, AND THE REMAINDER IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS IN THE NEXT TWO QUARTERS OF THE REMAINING YEAR.

2. THE NATURE OF THE U.S. SITUATION HAS APPARENTLY BEEN EXPLAINED TO THE BIE SEVERAL TIMES, WITH EITHER A LACK OF COMPREHENSION OR SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING.

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3. THE SAME FISCAL SITUATION APPLIES TO SUCH INTERNATIONAL BODIES AS THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION (FOR WHICH THE U.S. UNDERWITES 66 AND 2/3 PER CENT OF THE ENTIRE BUDGET) AND THE U.N. (WHERE THE U.S. PAYS 1/4 TO 1/3 OF THE TOTAL BUDGET-OR ABOUT DOLS 240 MILLION DOLLARS). IF THESE GROUPS CAN LIVE WITH THE CURRENT U.S. SYSTEM, THE QUESTION IS WHY THE BIE CAN'T IN VIEW OF THE VERY SMALL PERCENT OF ITS BUDGET PROVIDED BY THE U.S.

4. I SUGGEST YOU FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO CHALON, INCLUDING POINTS RE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND REQUEST COOPERATION WITH U.S. SITUATION. THE ONLY REMOTE POSSIBILITY FOR ANY CHANGE IN THE U.S. APPROACH TO ACCOMMODATE THE BIE AS IF THEY CAN PROVE OUR DUES SCHEDULE RESULTS IN BIE NEED TO BORROW MONEY, LAYOFF HELP, OR OTHER IN EXTREMIS CASES. STATES ADVISES THAT ONLY A VERY ROUGH SITUATION WOULD AFFECT THE POSSIBILITY OF A REVIEW OF OUR SITUATION. CASEY

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